

Amendment

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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A histological specimen retaining device for processing tissue, said device comprising: a foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet having edges; a ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target disposed on the foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet within the edges of said sheet, thereby providing extended flap portions which flap portions are foldable to overlap the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target; and a malleable securing strip attached to the foldable ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet of a length sufficient to secure said folded flap portions overlapping said ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable ~~target~~. target, wherein the liquid is utilized in histological examination.

2. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1 further comprising wherein the malleable securing strip is attached at an edge of the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable sheet.

3. (Original): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the malleable securing strip is a metal wire.

4. (Original): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the malleable securing strip is metal foil.

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5. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising wherein the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target is coated with a release agent.

6. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target is a ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable paper sheet.

7. (Currently Amended): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising an X and Y coordinate marking lines on the ~~fluid~~ liquid permeable target.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).